KADUR DISTRICT.

(*Nos. 233 to 245.*)

SUBJECT No. 233.

Retention of the two carts for the Hindi girls' school at Chikmagalur.

Mr. C. Rasoolkhan, Anjuman-E-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. C. Rasoolkhan.—There were two carts at Chikmagalur to take Mahomedan girls to the school, of which one cart is said to have been withdrawn or is about to be withdrawn very shortly. There were 45 pupils before and there are now nearly 125 pupils attending. The daily average attendance is from 80 to 85.

Dewan.—It has come to the notice of the Inspector-General of Education and he will do the needful in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 234.

Construction of a reservoir for the Ramanahalli channel.

Messrs. B. Kesaviah, Vasatara Honnappiah, Chikmagalur Taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board.

Summary of Discussion.—Large areas of land have to be irrigated by the Ramanahalli channel, and several villages containing a large population are also depending on the water of this channel for their cattle and for domestic purposes. In previous years, there was rain for mostly nine months in the year, but we cannot get now for even two months in a year. It is therefore prayed that a reservoir may be built at the place where water is drained for being supplied to the Chikmagalur town.

Dewan.—This will be investigated by the Chief Engineer for irrigation.

SUBJECT No. 235.

Construction of the Kadur-Chikmagalur Railway.

Messrs. B. Kesaviah, Vasatara Honnappiah, Chikmagalur Taluk, and C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—This is an old question remaining unredressed. This line was not taken up for want of funds. We thought that if we floated a 5% loan, calling for subscriptions from outside, we would be able to contribute some Rs. 10 lakhs towards this purpose, that this would take, at least, two years and that within that period the finances of the State would improve. It was under that idea that we sent a prospectus.

On being asked what percentage of return the project would pay, Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao said that it would pay the same percentage as the other district lines.

First Member of Council.—The question of alignment and other things connected with this question came up during my inspection at Chikmagalur. It was stated then that the District Board would raise a loan. At present, we would require Rs. 30 lakhs if we want to take up this line. There is a ghat section and the cost of materials and labour charges are high. It is therefore not possible to do anything just at present. From the present enquiries made, the income which we are likely to get, does not appear to be much.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered if the District Board communicate the statistics and show that the line will pay.

SUBJECT No. 236.

Opening of a branch of the Mysore Bank at Birur.

Mr. M. V. Marulasiddiah, Birur Municipality.

Mr. Marulasiddiah.—Birur being a large centre of trade in arecanut, etc., it is very necessary to have banking facilities there. A branch of the Mysore Bank may therefore be opened there for the convenience of the mercantile community.

Dewan.—The Mysore Bank will be consulted in the matter.